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CONTRACTS FOR FOUR FOOD PRODUCTS ARE SOUGHT

WHEAT COVERED, SEEK NEGOTIATE REMAINING THREE

Eggs, Cheese, Bacon — Try for
Contracts for Longer Than
Year if Possible

GARDINER'S STATEMENT

Continue Quality Hogs Premium—Funds for Irrigation and Water Conservation

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Oct. 5th. — There is still the inevitable uncertainty about our coming year's food contracts with Great Britain. Only wheat is definitely covered, or at least assured. The fourth and final year of the present contract with Britain runs to the end of the crop year 1950, but beyond that the international wheat agreement comes into effect as far as Canada is concerned, payment being assured through ECA funds which can be used up to \$175,000,000 for wheat sales abroad, maximum price being \$1.80 (U.S. dollars) or \$1.98 (Canadian) and minimum \$1.50 (U.S.) or \$1.65 (Canadian).

Whether or not there will be a separate agreement with Britain remains to be seen. The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, has explained to the House that "We would like contracts with regard to the four products, cheese, bacon, eggs and wheat, with which we now have contracts. We are still trying to negotiate contracts for the year that is ahead and for a longer time if we can."

Bacon Contract Failure Is Ours

Only one contract (apart from wheat) has been filled. That is the 50,000,000 pound contract for cheese, and there would seem to be little difficulty about renewing this contract. It is a matter for regret that Canada has shipped such a small proportion of its 160,000,000 pound bacon contract (it certainly won't reach one-half the amount).

Of course, with their shortage of dollars, which has been and is very acute, the British have been quite willing and, indeed, anxious that Canada should send considerably less bacon.

Of course, also, many farmers in the West prefer to grow grain rather than raise hogs. That has been demonstrated.

But what the Canadian farmer has shown is that he can produce a uniform high quality of bacon suitable for the British market (Wiltshire sides), and it would be a definite loss to the farming industry if this ability should be allowed to lapse.

As to the contract, Mr. Gardiner has said he's not in a position to say what the British are prepared to do, "but I am in a position to say that we are insisting in every way we possibly can that we do have a contract for bacon whether we can deliver it or not. We think it would be a good thing both for Britain and for ourselves if they were prepared to say 'If you do have

New Type of Course Opens at Banff

Back From England to Canadian Arctic



After two years in England, where she has been getting an education, this Eskimo girl of 16 recently returned to her own people in the Canadian Arctic. She was adopted at the age of 10 by the late Canon John H. Turner and his wife, and after Canon Turner's death in a Winnipeg hospital on December 9th, 1947, she was taken overseas. Radio broadcasts, newspaper interviews and posing for photographers were part of Rebecca's lot for many months. Her journey home included 750 miles by dog sled. (It will be remembered that while handling his gun, Canon Turner accidentally shot himself, and was rescued from his lonely mission at Moffet Inlet, Baffin Island, together with his wife and two children and Rebecca, by an R.C.A.F. plane.)

a surplus we are prepared to take at least a certain amount of it."

Consumption in Canada has been high in recent months. Canadian farmers are producing more hogs than they did before the war, but the Canadian market is taking 70 per cent more pork products than it did before the war. With the fall run of hogs there appears to be some increase in hog marketings. In the week ended September 24th the number of hog carcasses graded was 79,360 compared to 58,364 in the corresponding week of 1948. Of this total 30,906 were in Ontario, 26,844 in Quebec and 8,123 in Alberta, followed by 4,223 in Manitoba. The country's figure for this year up to and including the week mentioned is 2,783,936 compared with 3,530,015 in the same period of 1948.

Figures Tell Story

On production and domestic consumption of livestock products, Mr. Gardiner informed Parliament that pork production in 1938 was 646 million pounds, in 1944 (during the war) 1,737 million pounds and in 1948, 1,046 million. Domestic consumption was 483 million lbs. in 1938, 1,056 million

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FIELD SERVICE IN AGRICULTURE IS REPRESENTED

Administrators Attend — Students From Provinces — Farm Co-op Personnel

By FRANK T. ALLISON
Publicity Director, U.G.C.

BANFF, Oct. 4th.—What is believed to be the only course of its kind available in Canada, the first Alberta University short course covering extension method and techniques, was formally opened this morning in the picturesque setting of the Banff School of Fine Arts by Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Extension Director of the University of Alberta. The course is designed to assist education, administrative and field service workers in agriculture to study with a panel of noted educationalists who all give instruction during the two weeks' duration of the course, some eighty students representing institutions from most of the Provinces of Canada had registered by early Monday. Included were members of the National Film Board, Government Field Service and farm co-operative personnel. Alberta farm organizations represented at the opening were United Grain Growers Ltd., Alberta Wheat Pool and U.F.A. Central Co-operatives.

Section speakers included Cannon Hearne, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., and Dr. H. E. Smith, Professor of Education, University of Alberta.

Makes Protest to Transport Board

Since The Western Farm Leader last went to press, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, together with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and others, have joined in a protest to the Board of Transport Commissioners at Ottawa against the action of the railway companies last December in discontinuing the special freight rate on farm machinery shipments from Eastern and Western Canada, which results in a substantial increase in these rates. On protest at the time the Board has temporarily suspended the action of the railways pending the public hearing.

The railways dropped a special rate in effect for 30 years, putting farm machinery back in the classification which applied prior to the granting of the rate. They did not need sanction of the Board to drop the rate, but the protest was so strong as to bring the suspension action.

As the railways had previously been granted a 21 per cent increase in general rates, their suspension of the farm machinery rate meant an increase on this machinery of about 40 per cent above what it had been before July, 1948.

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LAUDABLE AIM

MONTREAL, Que.—"Socialization of medical services is a laudable aim and objective," Lord Webb-Johnson of London, Eng., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, stated here while en route to receive an honorary degree of the University of Toronto.

Application for membership in the International Wheat Agreement, to enable her to buy American wheat at less than current market prices, will be made by Japan. Approval of a two-thirds majority is required.

Over \$9,000,000 of steel plate is being purchased by Imperial Oil — material for the projected inter-Provincial pipe line.

Acreage of grain combined this year in Russia increased by nearly 12,500,000, a Soviet report states.

Since the war, 715 new industrial projects have been approved in Scotland.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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5. Cool each can of milk down to 50 degrees immediately after milking.
6. Use the correct method of caring for your milking machine. Your milking machine is a great time saver — but it can be



a curse rather than a blessing if not properly cared for.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Bluffton Creamery Now in Temporary Quarters — New Plant Operates as C.A.D.P. Unit

On the night of Thursday, July 28th, the Bluffton Creamery was completely destroyed by fire. Early in August the privilege to rebuild and operate the new creamery was offered to the Northern and Central Pools. After careful consideration by the respective Boards of Directors, it was decided that the two Pools should jointly acquire this right and rebuild the plant.

On its operation—inasmuch as the plant is located in the area ordinarily recognized as that of the Central Pool, arrangements were completed so that the plant would be operated as a unit of our organization. This was made effective commencing Monday, September 19th.

The creamery is now operating in temporary quarters at Bluffton during the time that a new plant is being built. The cost of the new plant is being financed, with repayment over a period of years so as not to affect the working capital of our organization.

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"Continue to improve the products you ship to your business and your business will continue to improve." The Central Alberta Dairy Pool is your own business, owned by you and your neighbors.

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THE DEBT ADJUSTMENT ACT

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:

In your issue of September 2nd, page four, speaking of the above Act, you say: "The measure was drafted (we think originally conceived) by the Attorney-General, Hon. J. E. Brownlee."

Now, we do not agree with you as to the authorship of the idea of general debt adjustment.

The history of debt legislation, as far as we know, is that among primitive societies a citizen would be put into gaol for debt. Later on he was bankrupted for debt. There was more justification for harsh measures in primitive times than in modern times. Money now can be inflated and de-

flated by the will of those who control its issue.

When gold was the circulating medium, we presume that it cost about the same amount of labor and risk to produce a horse of similar value. Consequently, the volume of gold in circulation could not be suddenly or easily changed. When printed paper came into common use and credit became just figures in bank books, this change made inflation and deflation more easily possible.

Post-War Deflation

After World War I it was very easy to deflate the amount of money available for the payment of debt, which was done. But the debt itself was not deflated.

As one who had gone heavily into debt when a borrowed dollar would buy 24 pounds of wheat, it looked very wrong to me that it should in 1932 take 240 lbs. of wheat or ten times as much wheat to pay that dollar back as could be bought with the dollar when borrowed. The injustice of the whole picture was similar in the price of many other farm products.

500 farmers per day were being bankrupted and sold out in the U.S. and many in Canada.

Grande Prairie Resolution

But it came to pass that in those days in the Grande Prairie U.F.A. Local a resolution was passed calling for a moratorium to protect the farmers from foreclosure until the debt-paying power of a bushel of wheat was a little more in line with what it was when the dollar was borrowed.

The resolution was taken to the Grande Prairie district association convention at Hythe, Alta. It was strongly opposed by a U.F.A. Cabinet Minister and others but it passed by a small margin. It was taken to the Annual Provincial Convention and favorably discussed until Mr. Brownlee was brought out to the platform to declare in a long speech that "it would ruin the credit of the Province." The resolution was turned down by so small a margin that the U.F.A. Government began to enact protective legislation in or around the year 1930. By 1935 they had a pretty good law.

Mr. Reid declared in 1935 that "the credit of the Province was never better."

In the 1935 election Aberhart falsely declared that his government was the first in the history of the world to enact debt legislation, and Hugh Allen said truthfully that it was the U.F.A. Government. The first real push, however, to actually change the amount of debt in harmony with the change in the debt-paying power of the products of human labor, came from this resolution from the Grande Prairie U.F.A. Local.

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"To Solve Problem of Surpluses and Ensure Better-fed World"

At a time when the problem of export markets for future farm production is beginning to cause concern, Canadian farmers will be interested to learn that an action program which is designed to forestall calamity has been drawn up for the consideration of the forthcoming Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and, through FAO, of its 58 member governments. The program is designed, in the words of the Director-General of FAO, N. E. Dodd, as "a major step not only to deal with the problem of surpluses, but to ensure a better-fed world." It gives form to an idea which has found expression through the farm movement.

The drafting of this program is the practical outgrowth of "the long concern of FAO member nations with the problem of surpluses ruinous to farmers in some areas, while consumers elsewhere do not have enough food."

Similar in principle to the plan submitted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture to the Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers at Guelph in June, and unanimously adopted by that Conference, it goes even farther than the IFAP plan—in certain features relating to currency difficulties.

The IFAP proposed the setting up of an international agency to acquire surpluses of agricultural products in the country of their origin, these to be resold at special prices in areas of need, the loss being divided between the country of origin and the agency. Funds for the international agency, it was recommended, should be subscribed on an agreed basis by participating Governments.

The FAO plan, drawn up by a committee of experts and endorsed by the Director-General, provides for the setting up of an International Clearing House (ICCH), open to all members of FAO or the United Nations. Its function, in the beginning, would be to provide, in the years immediately ahead, "A bridge which . . . will enable commodity trade to continue to flow, and which will allow dollar surpluses to fill effective soft currency demands." For the long run, it would serve "to cushion the shocks of price change and . . . ensure orderly and co-ordinated action to deal with maladjustments in producing areas."

For the next five years, the authors of the plan suggest, the Clearing House should apply (among others) two main methods for the disposal of surpluses.

"(a) The exporting country would sell (say wheat) to ICCH at full market price. The importing country would buy such supplies as additions and not substitutions for ordinary commercial transactions. It would pay full price in its own presumably inconvertible currency" (it is assumed that the importers would be mainly soft or non-dollar countries—ED.), "guaranteed, however, against loss by devaluation. ICCH would hold this currency to the credit of the exporter until enlarged trade

THANKSGIVING

*In this bright land, where universal fear
But lightly casts its shadow, we proceed
About our labors and but dimly hear
The far faint echoes of the world's need.
With great abundance piled on every hand,
We see ourselves securely fortified
All threatened storms and stresses to withstand,
Their utmost fury dauntlessly defied.*

*But in this season, when our hearts are moved
To some expression of our thankfulness,
The arrogance of riches is reproved;
Remembering the spectres of distress
That through so many nations grimly ride,
Humility should serve to temper pride.*

—ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

or restored convertibility permitted clearing of the account.

"(b) An exporter might sell to ICCH at REDUCED prices for an IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTABLE currency, again provided such quantity be taken by an importer as an addition to ordinary commercial transactions."

In announcing quite frankly that they have been influenced by IFAP proposals—the one we have outlined and a second submitted by the National Grange of the United States and also endorsed by the world farm organization—the FAO's committee of experts state that they have been especially impressed by "the clearly evidenced preference of agricultural producers for expansion and use of their products rather than restriction."

We lack space at this time to discuss various long-term services which the Clearing House might give, such as providing a negotiating centre for international commodity arrangements which might "in the longer run, hold over stocks from fat to lean years, thus cushioning the disastrous speed and severity of price changes."

The Clearing House would be provided with capital of \$5 billion contributed in national currencies, of which 20 per cent would be paid in to provide a revolving fund to finance reduced-price transactions. The remainder would be called up as required and earmarked for purchase of commodities in the contributing country for sale against soft currencies.

The FAO Conference, to deal with the report which we have briefly outlined, will open in Washington on November 21st. H. H. Hannam has announced: "In my capacity as President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, I will commend this FAO report to my Board of Directors in the confident hope that my Board will endorse it and make prompt representations to that effect to the Canadian Government."

The authors of the plan state:

"We make this proposal because we are convinced that a threatening situation exists in regard to agricultural surpluses, a threat that need never materialize if action is prepared now while there is yet time."

POST-WAR CHRONICLE

Sept. 15th.—U.K. can spend \$175,000,000 ECA funds to buy Canadian wheat this crop year, decided at Washington. West German republic must be included in Council of Europe, declares Adenauer.

Sept. 17th.—Britain is under great pressure to devalue pound, stated in Washington despatch.

Sept. 18th.—Cripps announces devaluation of pound from \$4.03 to \$2.80.

Sept. 19th.—Canadian dollar devalued to 90 cents; sixteen other countries also follow Britain's lead in cutting currency values. St. Laurent urges Canadians aid sterling bloc countries to get dollars.

Sept. 20th.—Three more countries devalue currency, including Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Sept. 21st.—"People's Republic of China" soon to be proclaimed, states Mao Tze-tung, Chinese Communist leader, in Peiping; says must unite internationally "first of all with Soviet Union and new democratic countries of eastern Europe."

Sept. 22nd.—Railway strike threatens in Britain said evaporating; deadline passed with operations normal. Claud Morris, editor *Daily Mirror*, after visit to U.S., declares six million Americans live in "slums and shacks." Eight per cent freight rate increase in Canada authorized.

Sept. 23rd.—British, American and Canadian governments announce that they have information of an atomic explosion in Russia recently. Vishinsky in speech before UN assembly, declares Russia ready to give "blow for blow" but wants rather five-power peace treaty.

Sept. 24th.—Attlee calls on British people to stand firm against inflation; says there is "no occasion for general price increase."

Sept. 25th.—CLEMENT ATTLEE Tass says Russia has had atomic bomb secret since 1947.

Sept. 26th.—American, British, Canadian scientists meet in London to discuss uranium supply.

Sept. 27th.—Taxes on profits increased, wages frozen, by British Government.

Sept. 28th.—U.S. Congress passes \$1,314 million foreign arms aid bill.

Sept. 29th.—Moscow announces ending of alliance with Yugoslavia, made in 1945; charges Tito is supporting "foreign imperialist circles."

Sept. 30th.—Labor Government sustained in confidence vote on devaluation issue.

Oct. 1st.—New Chinese "People's Democratic Republic" formally proclaimed. Three-power atomic conference concluded in Washington. Million men involved in steel and coal strikes in U.S.

Oct. 2nd.—U.S.S.R. recognizes new Communist-led Government of China.

Oct. 3rd.—Britain, U.S. and France to confer on question of recognition new Chinese Government, which Britain is reported to favor. Suggested in some quarters recognition if given take place only after agreement of Atlantic Pact and Commonwealth nations. Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary give recognition.

Oct. 4th.—Czechoslovakia recognizes new Chinese Government. Bevin says action of Atlantic Pact nations will depend on course taken by new government. Washington reported opposed to recognition "for a long time."

Oct. 5th.—Premier Queille of France may resign today following deadlock over wage and price controls; has held office for year.

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from Page 1)

In 1944 and 839 million in 1948. Exports of pork products in 1938 amounted to 178 million lbs., in 1944, 717 million lbs. and in 1948, 226 million. The production of beef in 1938 was 588 million lbs., in 1944, 924 million and in 1948, 891 million lbs. The domestic consumption of beef in 1938 was 563 million lbs., in 1944, 785 million and 734 million in 1948.

It is to be noted that in the estimates for the present fiscal year now being considered by Parliament, \$5,800,000 is provided for the continuing premiums on quality hog carcasses.

Irrigation and Water Conservation
Another interesting item, explained by the Minister of Agriculture during the past few days, is the \$7,500,000 for major irrigation and water conservation projects in the Prairie Provinces (\$2,900,000 for St. Mary irrigation pro-

Aid for Adult Education Association Urged

A strong plea for assistance to the Canadian Association for Adult Education was made by the president, Dr. M. M. Coady, in a brief presented to the Royal Commission on Arts.

ject, \$2,000,000 for Bow River irrigation project, \$2,000,000 for the South Saskatchewan river irrigation project and \$600,000 for engineering and survey costs on Red Deer River conversion and other projects). This is an increase of \$5,300,000 on last year's estimates.

The freight rate assistance on feed grains moved to other Provinces from the Prairie Provinces continues in effect, but there will be much less moved on account of the difference in the volume of crops in the different areas and the total amount of freight

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Clearwater	Glenwood	Rockyford	Wetaskiwin
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It also serves 1,200 other scattered farm families as well.



Tune in to Kerry Wood, "Alberta Past and Present", CFCN, Thurs., 10:15 p.m.

CANADA PACKERS LIMITED

REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

The 22nd year of Canada Packers Limited closed March 30th, 1949 (henceforth referred to as 'Fiscal 1949').

Following is a skeleton outline of the operations of the year:

1. Dollar Sales (new record) \$314,918,888
Previous record—Fiscal 1948 238,454,037

Increase over previous record \$ 76,464,851
Sales in last pre-war year—Fiscal 1939 \$ 77,225,732

NOTE: Increase in sales, Fiscal 1949 over Fiscal 1948 (\$76,464,851) is almost equal to total sales of the last pre-war year (\$77,225,732).

2. Tonnage—weight of product sold 1,503,000,000 lbs.
Tonnage had been exceeded in three previous years:
Fiscal 1945 1,698,000,000 lbs.
Fiscal 1944 1,582,000,000 lbs.
Fiscal 1946 1,526,000,000 lbs.
Tonnage last pre-war year—Fiscal 1939 .. 800,000,000 lbs.

NOTE: Dollar Sales Fiscal 1949—approximately 4 times those of Fiscal 1939.
Tonnage Fiscal 1949—approximately twice that of Fiscal 1939.

3. Net Profit after all charges \$2,807,237
equivalent to .89% of Sales.
equivalent to 18.7c per 100 lbs. of product.
i.e., something less than 1/5c per lb.

Corresponding figures for last pre-war year:

Net Profit \$1,238,736
equivalent to 1.61% of Sales.
equivalent to 15.5c per 100 lbs. of product.

NOTE: Profit per pound approximately the same as that of Fiscal 1939.
Profit as percentage of Sales approximately one-half that of Fiscal 1939.

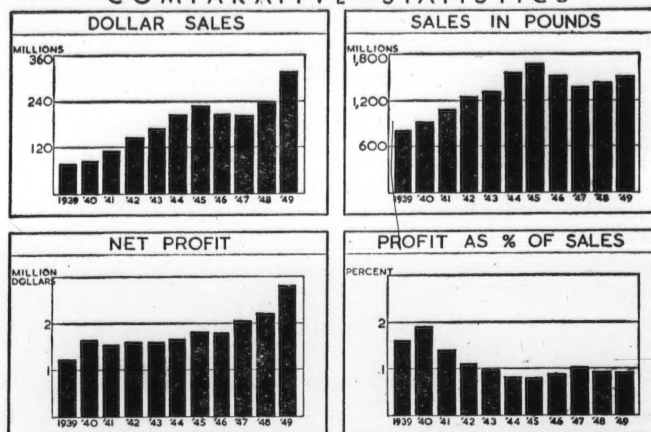
The following table sets up a comparison of the years:

Fiscal 1949—the year under review.
Fiscal 1948—the previous year.
Fiscal 1939—the last pre-war year.

Distribution of Sales Dollar

	Fiscal 1949	Fiscal 1948	Fiscal 1939
Dollar Sales	\$314,918,888	\$238,000,000	\$77,000,000
Out of Each Sales Dollar there was paid:			
For Raw Materials — chiefly Live Stock and other farm products ..	84.42c	81.37c	80.45c
For Wages, Salaries and Bonus	7.02	8.48	8.86
For Services — General Expenses	3.65	4.36	4.37
For Materials and Packages	2.69	3.12	2.66
For Taxes — Municipal, Provincial & Federal .....	.83	1.08	.69
For Debenture Interest .....	.05	.02	.21
For Depreciation on Fixed Assets .....	.34	.42	1.15
For Inventory Reserve	—	.26	—
For Pension Plan .....	.24	—	—
	99.24c	99.11c	98.39c
Remainder—Profit from Operations .....	.76c	.89c	1.61c
Plus Income from Investments, etc. ....	.02	.02	—
Dividends from Subsidiaries .....	.11	—	—
Total Net Profit for the year on each dollar of Sales .....	.89c	.91c	1.61c

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS



It will be seen that, out of each dollar of sales, there was paid for raw materials 84.42c. This was the average for all raw materials.

The products handled by the Company fall into four broad divisions:

1. LIVE STOCK, from which are derived:
Meats—Beef, Veal, Pork, Lamb and Mutton;
By-products—Hides, Skins, Tallow, Bones, Tankage, etc.
2. OTHER FARM PRODUCTS:
Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Poultry, Fruits, Vegetables, etc.
3. NON-FARM PRODUCTS, comprising:
Edible Oils, Shortening, Margarine, Soap, Peanut Butter, Fish, Fertilizers, Stock Foods, etc.
4. MANUFACTURING, comprising:
Canned Meats, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, and Frosted Foods.

In respect of each separate division, as distinct from the overall average of 84.42c, the sum paid for raw materials was as follows:

Division 1—Live Stock	84.7c
Division 2—Other Farm Products	90.14c
Division 3—Non-farm Products	83.21c
Division 4—Manufacturing	65.22c

The fact that out of each dollar of sales of Live Stock products there was paid back to the farmer 84.7 cents, and for each dollar of sales of other farm products the farmer received 90.14 cents, constitutes a new and remarkable record.

These high returns are explained by two main facts:

1. The low cost of processing, made possible by the large volume and varied operations of Canada Packers.
2. The extremely high range of prices for farm products which obtained throughout the year.
This high range of prices was brought about chiefly by the lifting of controls, and consequent advance of farm prices to the U.S. level.

The successive steps in decontrol occurred as follows:

- October 22, 1947—all ceiling prices on meats were lifted.
- August 3, 1948—embargo lifted against the movement of Sheep and Lambs to United States.
- August 16, 1948—embargo lifted against the movement of Cattle and Calves to United States.

An approximate measure of the effect of these decontrols is revealed in the following table, which sets up the average price per pound of all products sold, for the years 1939 to 1949.

NOTE: Average price per pound is arrived at by dividing number of pounds sold into total dollar sales.	
Example—Dollar sales, Fiscal 1949	\$314,918,888
Number of pounds	1,503,000,000
Average price	21c per lb.

	Average Price Per lb.	Increase from Previous Year	
Fiscal 1939	9.6c		
" 1940	9.7c	.1c per lb.	1.0%
" 1941	10.1c	.4c "	4.1%
" 1942	11.8c	1.7c "	16.8%
" 1943	12.7c	.9c "	7.6%
" 1944	13.0c	.3c "	2.4%
" 1945	13.5c	.5c "	3.8%
" 1946	13.7c	.2c "	1.5%
" 1947	14.9c	1.2c "	8.8%
" 1948	16.5c	1.6c "	10.7%
" 1949	21.0c	4.5c "	27.3%

- NOTE:** (a) Advance in average price for Fiscal 1949 was 4.5c per lb.—equivalent to 27.3%
- (b) Greatest advance in any previous year (that of Fiscal 1942) had been 1.7c per lb. 16.8%
- (c) The average price of the five pre-war years (Fiscals 1935-1939 inclusive) had been 9.5c
- (d) Average price of Fiscal 1949 (21c per lb.) exceeded the average of the 5 pre-war years (9.5c) by 11.5 per lb.
equivalent to 121%

How long can such price levels continue?
Is a post-war deflation near at hand?
Has it already begun?

(NOTE: A substantial decline in U.S. Cattle prices has already occurred.)

Will further decline (when it comes) be gradual or abrupt?

At what approximate levels (relatively to pre-war) will farm prices ultimately stabilize?

Although it is more than four years since the end of the war, it is still difficult to give a confident answer to any one of these questions. However, the underlying conditions which will in the end determine price levels are beginning to appear.

Amongst these are the following:

- (1) All over the world, hunger and high prices have led to a vast increase in food production. In Europe, for two years following V-E Day, a condition existed of semi-starvation. Great quantities of food were shipped from United States and Canada.
All this is changed.
Europe is still short of meats and dairy products but has not dollars to buy them from North America, and is able to maintain a fairly adequate standard of nutrition without them.
- (2) In United States and Canada, therefore, live stock prices will be determined chiefly by conditions of supply and demand, **at home.**
On the supply side, live stock production seems likely to increase. The growing problem of finding buyers abroad for surplus grains will force farmers to market their grains through the medium of live stock.
On the demand side, purchasing power is still high, but some diminution has already set in.
- (3) The peak of prices in U.S. and Canada has admittedly been passed. It would seem certain that further declines were imminent, except for the delaying influence of Government support policies. Up to now, because of resilient national revenues, these supports have not imposed a heavy burden. But national revenues are shrinking and the sums involved in the support policies are increasing. It is by no means certain that the United States can carry indefinitely the burden of farm support on the scale involved in present legislation.

In a year of record volume and extraordinary price advances, a record profit was to be expected. Upon normal operations, after Taxes, Depreciation, and Bonus, Net Profit was \$3,223,686. This made possible a plan Directors had been considering for several years—viz., the placing of the Company's pension plan upon a contractual basis.

Since Canada Packers was organized (1927), pensions had been paid to all retiring Employees. In Fiscal 1949 the number of Employees on pension was 179. Total sum paid \$104,313. Actuarial surveys had warned that the cost of the plan, in the years immediately ahead, would mount rapidly, and Directors felt the setting up of a fund could not longer be delayed.

At the formation of the Company, 5% of the Common Shares had been set aside for this purpose, and the accumulated dividends on these shares were in hand \$657,498. Otherwise no fund existed.

Space limitations do not permit a description of the plan adopted. A booklet has been published giving full details. Shareholders or others who are interested may have a copy upon application.
The obligations of the Company for pensions are now definitely fixed.

- (1) In respect of Employees already retired, pensions will be charged as heretofore against current operations.

	CURRENT	CAPITAL
Payment for the present year (Fiscal 1950) will be approximately	\$105,000	

NOTE: As no new names will be added to this group, payments will gradually decline to zero.

- (2) In respect of Employees hereafter to be retired, payments fall into two categories:

(a) **For past service.** The cost of this will be borne entirely by the Company. Cost, if paid in one sum, approximately \$3,000,000

NOTE: \$1,000,000 was paid in Fiscal 1949. Also \$1,000,000 has already been paid in Fiscal 1950. Directors hope to complete payment in Fiscal 1951.

(b) **For future service.** This plan is contributory. Employee pays approximately half and the Company approximately half. Company's contribution approx.
(per year) \$395,000

Total payments during Fiscal 1949, in respect of new pension plan were \$1,423,947
derived as follows:

Accumulated dividends on Shares set aside at formation of Company	\$ 657,498
Dividend from wholly-owned Subsidiaries	350,000
Charged to current operations	*416,449
	\$1,423,947
*Net Profit brought down	\$3,223,686
Less charge as above	416,449
Final Net Profit	\$2,807,237

Dividend from Subsidiaries

Canada Packers has three wholly-owned Subsidiaries, the investments in which have heretofore been carried on the Balance Sheet at original purchase price. The Dividend of \$350,000 referred to above is the first Dividend received from them. These Subsidiaries are:

The Collis Leather Company Limited,
of Aurora acquired in Fiscal 1936
Frank Hunnisett Limited, of Toronto .. acquired in Fiscal 1941
Beardmore & Co. Limited, of Acton acquired in Fiscal 1945

The Collis Company and the Beardmore Company are manufacturers of Leather, and formerly bought a large portion of their raw materials (Calf Skins and Hides, respectively) from Canada Packers. Frank Hunnisett Limited were processors of fresh meats (Beef, Calves, Lambs), situated immediately West of Canada Packers' plant on St. Clair Avenue, Toronto. In the Report to Shareholders the Balance Sheet of Canada Packers is set up in two columns. The first column treats investments at cost, and is therefore comparable with Balance Sheets of previous years.

The second column is a Consolidated Balance Sheet, in which are merged the total assets and liabilities of the above three Subsidiaries.

Employee Relations throughout the year were cordial and co-operative. During the war, due to rapid labor turnover and other causes, efficiency declined. Beginning with 1946, both output per man hour and quality of product have steadily improved.

For this, Directors extend to Employees of all ranks their sincere appreciation.

The Company has continued its profit-sharing policy. Bonus distributed at the year end was \$1,040,000
Total sum set aside within the year for the benefit of Employees (including \$1,423,947 for pensions) was \$2,463,947
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Direct investments of U.S. capital in Canadian industries and other businesses showed a further large rise in 1948, states the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Since 1935, when dividends were first paid on the Common Shares, the profit and distribution record has been as follows:

	Bonus to Employees	Net Profit (After Bonus)	Dividends to Shareholders	Left In Business
Fiscal 1936	\$ 415,000	\$1,288,011	\$600,000	\$688,011
" 1937	512,000	1,522,662	600,000	922,662
" 1938	193,000	1,100,559	600,000	500,559
" 1939	216,000	1,238,736	600,000	638,736
" 1940	590,000	1,667,809	800,000	867,809
" 1941	700,000	1,555,028	900,000	655,028
" 1942	755,000	1,611,465	800,000	811,465
" 1943	792,000	1,611,418	800,000	811,418
" 1944	937,000	1,687,587	800,000	887,587
" 1945	1,060,000	1,824,811	900,000	924,811
" 1946	1,200,000	1,816,781	1,000,000	816,781
" 1947	1,250,000	2,059,644	1,000,000	1,059,644
" 1948	1,500,000	2,182,300	1,000,000	1,182,300
" 1949	1,040,000	2,807,237	1,000,000	1,807,237

Total Bonus \$11,160,000

Total to Employees, including payments this year for Pensions \$12,583,947

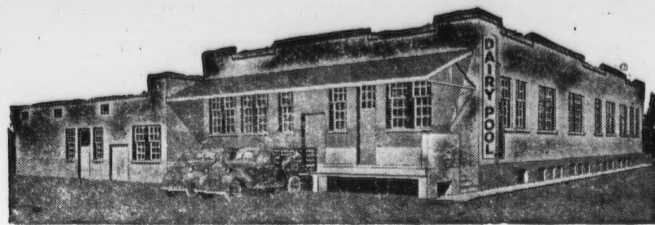
Total Dividends

Total left in business

\$11,400,000

\$12,574,048

SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



Britain Today - The Other Side

By OSWALD SHORT

FELLOW MEMBERS: In Mr. Short's first article, he dealt in an informative and most interesting way, with aspects of dairying in Great Britain today. The following vivid impressions, formed during his visit overseas, will bring home to us all an understanding of the problems Britain is facing and the way she is dealing with them. We all must realize how vitally important to farmers of the Canadian West is the economic survival of Britain.

Yours fraternally,

Wm Burns

PRESIDENT.

THIRTY-EIGHT years ago I came from my birthplace in a mining village in Yorkshire, England, to take up farming in Canada. Apart from such time as I spent in Britain as a Canadian soldier during service in Europe in the First World War, I had never returned during all the years that had passed. I want to say at the outset, in giving some of the impressions my wife and I formed while on our holiday, that in visiting seven counties and the city of London we were amazed by the transformation that has taken place: by the disappearance of the grinding poverty so widely evident in the old days, by the much happier conditions of living among those who had been its victims.

Marvels of Reconstruction

We noted a great contrast, too, between the outlook and attitude and character of the people, as we actually found them, and the descriptions sometimes found in newspapers in Canada of what the people are like today. Some critics in the United States have been even more unjust in their accounts of Britain than the Canadian newspaper critics I refer to.

Instead of a race of slackers trying to do as little work as possible and living on foreign charity, we found a people of bounding vitality, who have already achieved marvels of reconstruction under most difficult conditions. The British are firmly determined to win economic independence again by their own efforts and I am sure they will do so if they get a fair show from nations that are eco-

nomically powerful.

Greatness of the People

What we saw — and we saw a great deal and met many people of various classes — left us with this chief impression: A sense of the greatness of the people. They have set their hands to the task of fulfilling a promise made by a statesman at the end of the First World War but never carried out. They are changing their country into a "land fit for heroes to live in."

Figures can be eloquent, and these speak volumes: During the past few years, 1,980 pawnshops have put up their shutters for lack of business, and some 2,000 "loan offices" — places where desperate people used to go to get personal loans for which high rates of interest (they used to be extortionate) must be paid. The people of Britain are resolved that those places

This table is published for the information of Shareholders. At each recent Annual Meeting there has been a suggestion that an increase in dividend might be justified. Directors recognize that, in view of the strong working capital position, such a request is not unreasonable. However, action has been postponed for two reasons:

- (1) Directors felt that the setting up of a Guaranteed Pension Plan should come first.
- (2) Having in mind the catastrophic deflation losses of 1920-21, they hesitated to commit the Company to a higher dividend scale, until more normal conditions were re-established.

It is believed the Inventory Reserves set up during the war will more than meet any deflation losses which are now likely to occur. However, Directors feel that action regarding the dividend should be postponed until the economic horoscope becomes somewhat easier to read.

J. S. McLEAN,
President.

Toronto, August 22nd, 1949.

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S.A.D.P. SECTION

shall never be re-opened if they can help it.

Progress Almost Incredible

In rebuilding their industry and trade almost incredible progress has been made. The immense burden which they took upon themselves during the war years — especially from 1939 until well on in 1941 when they bankrupted themselves as they held the pass for the rest of the free world — this burden is the chief cause of the difficulties they face in their efforts to regain a firm economic and trading position.

Instead of Britain being in debt to others, the truth is that if the actual financial cost to her (to say nothing of the other costs) of carrying on the struggle during those early war years were marked up in the balance sheet, it would be clear that the debt is on the other side.

Britain was set back 25 billion dollars by her part in the war as a whole, altogether apart from the increase in her internal debt, the loss of half the merchant fleet and a quarter of her housing accommodation.

This issue can't be dismissed by saying that "It's old stuff. It's so much water under the bridge. Why don't they face the facts of life?" The fact that the debt has not been recognized in practice does not make it any less a debt.

Just in passing, I should like to add that, in my humble opinion, if the world is to be saved from the extremes of poverty and wealth that lead to civil friction and conflict, the principles Britain is putting into practice today must be followed by other countries across the English channel that have not been so bold as Britain in their social policies. Change is necessary, and Britain is showing the way to bring about change to fairer conditions of living by peaceful means.

Conditions That Disgraced Civilization

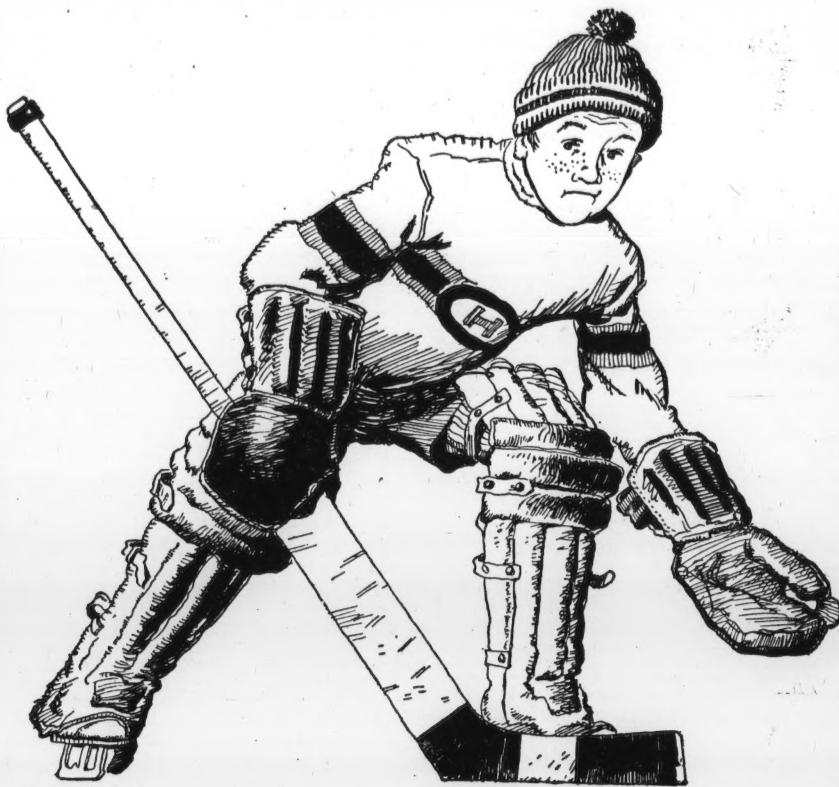
When I was a young man at Featherstone, Yorkshire, in 1911, the miners lived under conditions that were a disgrace to a civilized nation. Long rows of insanitary back-to-back houses were the homes of the miners. Today many of those houses still remain, but the sanitary conditions have been improved, and, as fast as it can be done, new semi-detached houses, quite unpretentious but with modern plumbing and in every way more attractive, are being built. Health conditions have improved beyond recognition. At Featherstone, in 1911, never a day passed but somebody was killed or maimed in the mines. The nearest hospital was seven miles away, and injured men who might have lived died before they could reach it to get proper attention. Now medical aid in case of accident is immediately available. The danger of accidents has been reduced to a minimum by new safety devices. Three props are used where one was used in my time. New coal cutting machines are being brought into use by the public mining authority since the mines were nationalized, steadily increasing efficiency.

Health Plan Come to Stay

The national health insurance scheme has come to stay. No Government will ever venture to go back on it. A gigantic new undertaking like this was bound to reveal some imperfections, but these are being ironed out. I shall have more to say on this and in particular on the care that is being given to children's health, and on some of the results achieved, in my final article in the next issue of this section of *The Western Farm Leader*. I hope then to deal also with education and with a number of striking things I saw that strengthened my belief in the future of Britain — if she's given the opportunity to continue the good work she is doing. I want to conclude this article by mentioning some of the things the British people remember — and that the people of wealthy nations overseas should remember too.

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ABOUT A BOOK I'VE BEEN READING

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

Have you not often noticed that it is the comment we see or hear about comparatively minor changes in life that arrest our attention and lead us to think of the more important? For one thing a great many of us have — and that is time to think. So many of our household chores are mechanical and long practice has made them almost automatic. Perhaps we may feel tied to our work and our homes in one sense, but in our thoughts we travel far in both time and space. And when we do stop to think, we realize it has been given to us to live in an age when outstanding changes have taken place in our social and personal life.

"The Innocent Traveller"

I have been reading a book which has borne out what I said. It is not a serious, profound book — far from it. "The Innocent Traveller," by Ethel Wilson (The MacMillan Co., Toronto), and the Authoress, a Vancouver woman, says the story, which is of the life of a most exuberant, somewhat irresponsible Topaz Edgeworth, is partly true and partly fiction. And a long life it was, beginning in an Eng-

lish manufacturing town and closing one hundred years later in Vancouver.

And some of the trifling changes may savor of the good old days, especially if we groan at the thought of wrapping Christmas parcels. This is what the authoress says of the early days of those whose life she describes in Vancouver: "Those were days of agreeable simplicity in Vancouver. Since then we have learned to wrap our Christmas parcels in colored and decorated papers, have tied them with prodigal tinsels, have adorned them with stickers, stars and bells and have outwitted ourselves in the enfolding of lingerie, decanters and face powders. But we remember a time when we wore, not lingerie, but underclothes, when reputable noses went bare, when we offered not decanters but bedroom slippers, as again we do. Then people wrapped their parcels neatly in brown paper and tied them with good string."

Thinking of that change could not but impress one with the greater change when she wrote of the old father and pictured the successful English manufacturer of early Victorian days in England. I could not but think how different the picture today, when I was copying this, for it is the day when Sir Stafford Cripps has just announced the British pound has been devalued.

Each Age Has Its Blind Spot

She paints the picture of the old man sitting sleeping in his chair in the sunshine in the garden. "His world," she said, "was a good world. His Queen was a good Queen. His country was a good country. His business was good. His health was good. His family was good and God was good." She continues to the effect that he had done what he thought was his duty and with his spiritual eyes he had seen God. "But," she added, "his imagination which flew beyond the bright blue sky to the invisible, did not pierce the squalor of the poor so near at hand in that grim town. Each age, like our own, has its large blind spot. The social conscience was stirring, but was not awake."

As I say, what a different picture she would have to paint today, but would there not be one happy feature? Has the British social conscience not wakened, more widely wakened than ours in Canada? And in a few years what shall we consider today's particular blind spots?

It is interesting to feel the joy of life Topaz had all through the years. It is interesting to note all sorts of changes we older ones have seen or have heard of from our elders. I think you will enjoy the book if you make opportunity to read it.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Standard F.W.U.A. are planning a play and dance for mid-November, to raise funds, writes Mrs. Betty Selgen, secretary.

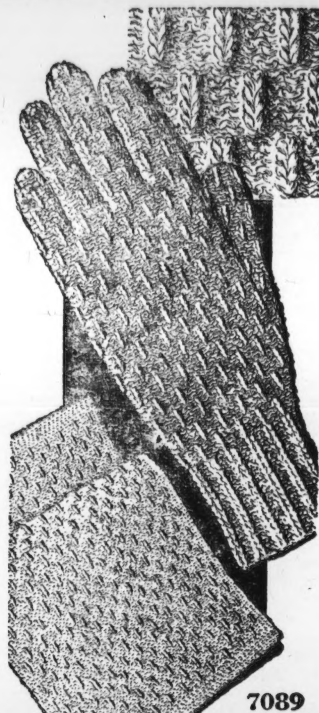
Stony Plain F.W.U.A. are inviting the ladies of Holborn W.A. to meet with them on October 19th, when Miss Ruth Whaley will give a demonstration on home decorating.

May Kill 90 Per Cent

of Human Race

Dr. Brock Chisholm, the Canadian former major-general who is now Director-General of the World Health Organization which is a part of the United Nations, recently stated that one more war may kill 90 per cent of the human race.

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Feature by Mrs. R. B. Gunn in Next Issue

Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Second Vice-President of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, will contribute to our next issue an important article on mental health, to the promotion of which, she points out, "the farm people of Alberta have set their faces."

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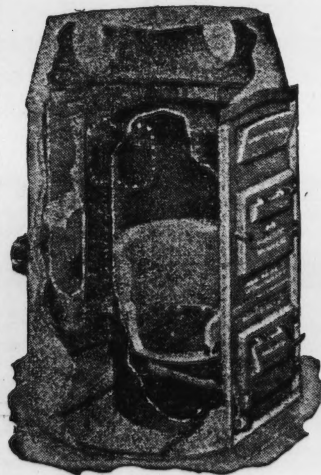
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FARM HOME & GARDEN

Steamed Pudding: Mix in the order given 4 tbs. softened butter, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk, 1 egg, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups whole wheat flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. soda, 1 tsp. salt, 1 cup raisins. Steam 2 hours in well buttered mould.

Honey Marmalade: Boil until tender 2 grapefruit, 2 lemons, 2 oranges, and discard water. Cool fruit and put through mincer; add 4 lbs. honey and boil mixture until it jells.

Apple Cream: To each cup of sweetened applesauce add 2 tbs. cream, whipped, a pinch of salt and any desired flavoring.

Mulching with straw, hay or brush, after the ground has frozen, will protect perennial plants in districts where there may be alternate freezing and thawing. Where the snow lies all winter, mulching may be unnecessary.

Creamed Salmon: For a quick lunch or supper dish, combine a can of salmon with a can of celery soup. Heat, sprinkle with chopped parsley, and serve.

Belvedere Icing: Boil together for 2 minutes, stirring constantly, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar; add 2 tbs. milk and let come to boil; cool, and add icing sugar to make thick enough to spread.

To Clean Carpets: Dampen coarse salt and scatter over carpet; sweep back and forth. This method is recommended for hooked rugs also.

News of Women's Locals

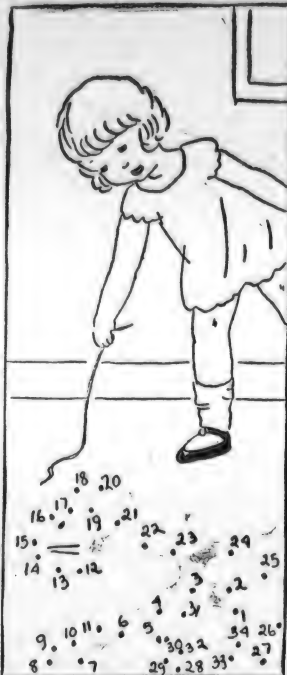
Sewing for the Woods Home was planned at a recent meeting of Balzac F.W.U.A. At an earlier meeting, at the home of Mrs. George Church, the Local entertained the members of Beddington F.W.U.A.

A winter project on "Interior Decorating," by Miss Judson, has been arranged by Fairdonian Valley F.W.U.A. To raise money for a contribution towards the building of a Community Hall, lunch was served at the opening

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NEW JUNIOR LOCAL

Norma Buckley is secretary of a new Junior F.U.A. Local organized in the Olds district.

Second Award of I.C.A. Jubilee Triennial Prize

LONDON, Eng.—On the occasion of the 18th Congress of the International Co-operative Alliance, in 1951, the second award of the Jubilee Triennial Prize of £100, will be made. Entries are invited of essays of not more than 25,000 words, on "How Can Co-operative Principles be Realized in Public Economy?"

of the new Co-op Store at Sedgewick, and at a farm auction sale. A CARE parcel has been sent overseas, and \$20 was donated to the UN fund for children's relief.

The nurses' cottage was redecorated and new pieces of linen and cooking utensils added, as a recent project of Bonanza F.W.U.A. Just now, members are working for a bazaar.

"A Harvest Lunch Hint" was the roll call topic at a recent meeting of Eclipse F.W.U.A. (Joffre). Work for the bazaar to be held November 5th was turned in and priced, and other preparations made.

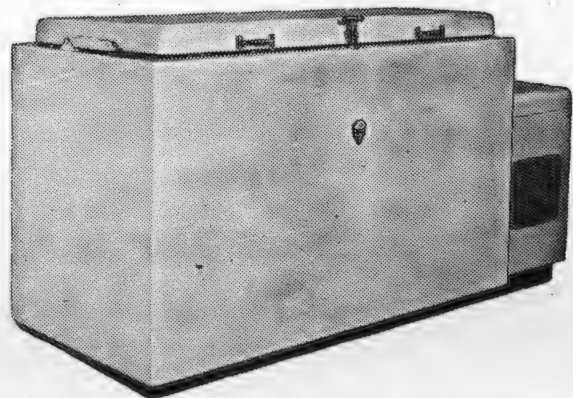
Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville) recently endorsed a resolution calling for detention of convicted sex offenders "until competent medical authorities are satisfied that they are no longer dangerous to be at large."

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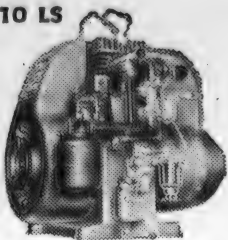
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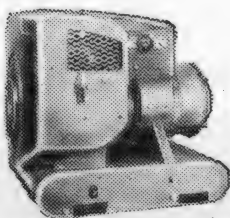
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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

According to a news dispatch from Paris, France, the European wheat crop this year will be the largest of the post-war years. If such turns out to be the case, wheat production there will be in excess of the 1,465,000,000 bushels produced last year. However, estimating Europe's production now must be largely guess work, as it is a criminal offence to give out official production figures in the countries east of the iron curtain.

It seems likely that Western Europe has a good crop, with France's production being around 290 million bushels, Italy's production 250 million bushels and a substantial wheat crop produced in Western Germany. It should not be forgotten, however, that Europe's population has increased by about 20 million in the past 10 years, and that Western Europe in pre-war years relied on southeastern Europe for substantial supplies of wheat. It is questionable whether such wheat will now be available. Furthermore, the pre-war wheat production of the continent of Europe averaged 1,592 million bushels annually, a production figure never equalled since World War II started.

U.S. Plan Cut in Acreage

United States wheat production was placed at 1,129,081,000 bushels, based on conditions existing in the September 1st estimate. Wheat crops in excess of 1 billion bushels have now become commonplace in the U.S.A. The Government there is concerned over the prospects of constantly piling up surpluses and is developing plans to cut down wheat acreage. The United States will need export markets for some 350 to 450 million bushels of wheat annually to take care of current surplus production.

Canadian Wheat Production

Canadian wheat production is now estimated at 371.6 million bushels, from 27.5 million acres on an average of 13.5 bushels to the acre. This is 22.7 million bushels below last year's crop and 38.4 million below the ten-year average (1939-48). In the Prairie Provinces the wheat crop is estimated at 342 million bushels as compared with 363 million in 1938.

Canada should have no difficulty in disposing of her surplus wheat this crop year. The action of the United States in allowing \$175 million of E.C.A. funds to be used by Great Britain for the purchase of Canadian wheat solved what would have been a difficult situation.

Pool Statement Regarding Cracked Wheat Issued

Regarding wheat cracked in combining and threshing during the current season, the Alberta Wheat Pool has issued the following commentary: "The dry harvesting season in Southern Alberta has resulted in exceptionally hard wheat. Such wheat is susceptible to cracking in combines and threshing machines. It is now found that a substantial amount of top grades contain much cracked wheat.

"The Board of Grain Commissioners has ordered that all One Northern wheat which contains over 3 per cent of cracked wheat must be graded Two Northern. Cracked wheat, according to milling authorities, will not produce as much flour as will sound kernels. It is unfortunate that good One Northern wheat should thus have to be degraded because of cracked kernels, but such is the regulation established by the Board of Grain Commissioners. "Many farmers do not understand the reason for the degrading of such wheat, and this information is offered in explanation thereof."

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Oct. 3rd. —Trading on this market last week was none too active, grading fairly close. A few loads of good handy-weight steers sold at \$19; heifers, mostly of the plain order, traded from \$16 to \$16.50; good light cows sold \$12 to \$12.50; good heavy cows, \$11.50 to \$12; best weighty bolognas \$12 to \$14.50. Grade A hogs, for shipment, \$30; at local plants, \$27.50.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Oct. 5th. —Hogs are about steady at \$30.15 Grade A, sows \$15 to \$15.50 liveweight. Good lambs are \$21 to \$21.25. Cattle market is fairly active under liberal receipts; good demand for stocker and feeder cattle due to U.S. orders at \$17.50 to \$18.50, few tops \$19. Good to choice butcher steers are \$19 to \$20, good cows \$12.75 to \$13.25.

The Dairy Market

Locally, prices are unchanged — 60 cents for prints and 61 for Special Butterfat. Outside markets have dropped slightly to 58 cents in Vancouver and 58½ in Toronto and Montreal. Stocks in the nine principal cities of Canada at October 1st stood at 53,823,000, as compared with 49,359,000 a month ago and 33,484,000 a year ago.

Discusses Price Levels

In discussing price levels in Canada Packers' annual report, J. S. McLean, Company President, states that the peak of livestock prices in the U.S. and Canada has admittedly been passed, and that further declines are being prevented by the delaying influence of Government support policies. But while hitherto these supports have not imposed a heavy burden, national revenues are shrinking and the sums involved in price supports are increasing. Mr. McLean regards it as "by no means certain that the U.S. can carry indefinitely the burden of farm support on the scale involved in present legislation." The report shows a new record of dollar sales (\$314,918,888); net profit after all charges of \$2,807,237, equivalent to 89c of sales and 18.7c per 100 lbs. of product.

Supply of Good Seed Cut

In many parts of the West this year, drought, second growth, hail and frost have seriously affected the supply of high quality seed grain, points out Dr. F. J. Greaney, Line Elevators' Farm Service; and he urges that farmers should make sure that the grain they intend to use for seed next spring is satisfactory from the standpoint of germination, freedom of weed seeds and freedom from smut. In successful grain production, he points out, no single factor is more important than the use of good seed; the most careful cultivation, even of the best land, will not produce a good crop from poor seed.

PROTEST TO TRANSPORT BOARD
(Continued from Page 1)

Digging into history, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture showed that the railways had inaugurated the special rate at the request of the then Government of Canada, Sir Thomas White, then Finance Minister, making the deal. As a concession, the Government then removed the war duty of 7½ per cent on bituminous coal, relieving the railways of a substantial portion of their coal bill.

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Cracked Wheat Problem Is Discussed by U.G.G.

The following has been issued by United Grain Growers:

"Because of the excessive amount of broken and split kernels contained in the current wheat crop, new regulations have been issued by the Board of Grain Commissioners which have caused loss to farmers and grain firms. The new regulation limits the amount of split and broken kernels in Manitoba One Northern to three per cent. Previously the grade of One Northern was allowed to contain up to 4 per cent of split or broken, a dockage being assessed for the amount over the grade tolerance of three per cent. A car containing 4 per cent split and broken would be graded One Northern with 1 per cent dockage under last year's grading standards, but this year will only grade Two Northern. Two Northern is worth 3c per bushel less than One Northern.

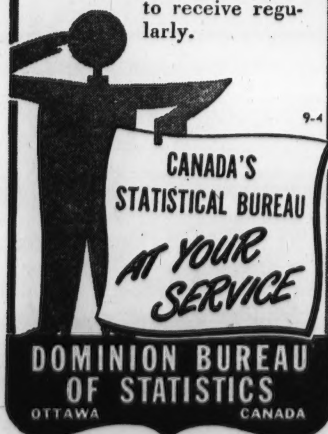
"Farmers can avoid to some extent the loss resulting from broken and split kernels by careful adjustment of the concaves on the cylinder of older type machines and proper setting of the rub-bar in new type combines."

While Britain had a deficit of \$361 millions on merchandise trade account with the U.S. last year, the deficit of the rest of Europe was \$2,825 millions, while that of non-European countries was \$2,358 millions.

Labor shortages and low prices are said to be responsible for reduction in livestock numbers on Swedish farms.

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CORRESPONDENCE (Continued from Page 3)

The idea of protecting indebted farmers had been put into action previous to this time only in areas stricken with drought. But I believe the resolution from Grande Prairie was the first occasion on which it was proposed it apply debt adjustment even to the most fertile areas of the Province. In this case it was not drought but unreasonably low prices which formed the basis for adjustment of debt in line with prices.

Yours truly,
I. V. MACKLIN.

Box 1076, Grande Prairie, Alta.

(Mr. Macklin's letter deals with a subject of historic interest—a subject which would undoubtedly become one of serious practical concern should the farm people again be faced with conditions in any degree comparable with those of past depression years. For these reasons it will be discussed in these columns, if possible, in the near future. In the meantime, we would point out that, following its election to office in 1921, the U.F.A. Administration gave immediate attention to the problems faced by the debt-ridden farmers. At the very first session (1922) of the new Legislative Assembly, the Drought Relief Act was passed. It applied only to areas in the southern part of the Province and, as its title indicated, was for the relief of farmers who were unable to pay their debts owing to successive crop failures caused by drought. It was in general in these areas that the need for debt adjustment was then most pressing. At the next session, however, in 1923, the title "Drought Relief Act" was changed to "Debt Adjustment Act," and it was made applicable to the whole Province. In writing that "the U.F.A. Government began to enact protective legislation in or around the year 1930," Mr. Macklin is therefore mistaken.—EDITOR.)

S.A.D.P. SECTION (Continued from Page 9)

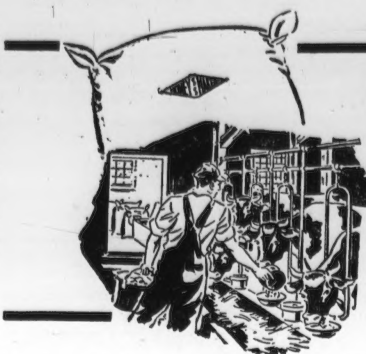
Things British People Remember

The British people remember that right after the war lend-lease was cut off like a shot, without any period for adjustment. They remember that when they were able to raise a loan from the U.S. netting about four billion dollars—several hundred millions less than many good authorities deemed essential—within a few days the ending of control of prices in the U.S. meant that the cost of goods they had to buy from the loan was very greatly increased. Some British people believe that this was done deliberately. Certainly those who did it must have known what the effect would be. A big proportion of the value of the loan was immediately swallowed up by the higher prices of all goods purchased by Britain from the U.S.

The British people remember that Britain has contributed \$3,600,000,000 in gifts and loans to aid world recovery. Some \$1,600 millions came under the heading of gifts, the largest contribution being \$620,000,000 to UNRRA.

Not enough has been said about what the people of the British Isles suffered during the blitz. I was told that the British civilian population suffered far more casualties than did the combined armed forces of Canada and the U.S. They bankrupted themselves, as I have stated, fighting the war almost by themselves (apart from valued Dominion help) for over a year. They also sold all their foreign securities, not only to save Britain, but the world. In short, Britain expended a vast part of her national wealth in a supreme effort to make it possible for all men to live a free and decent life. But now there is danger that all her achievements will be forgotten.

I started to write this contribution to the C.A.D.P. section before the devaluation of the pound. It is to be hoped that the people will not be expected to tighten their belts further; for, although they are of course by no means starving—rationing has made the distribution of limited food sup-



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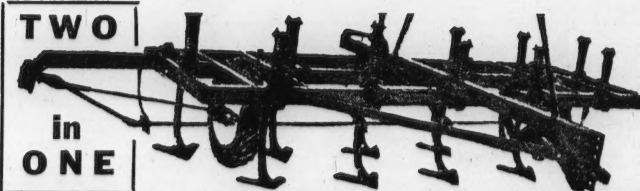
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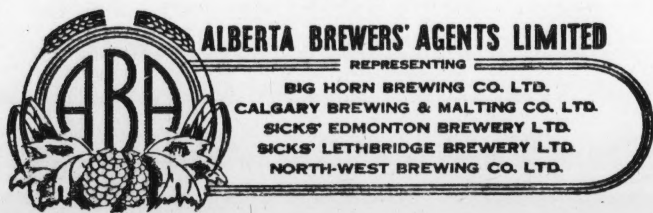
To secure a factual appraisal of the actual losses caused by predators, the Western Stock Growers' Association is asking Farmers and Stockmen to supply the following information:

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Harold Russell, the armless veteran who scored a triumph in the film "Best Years of Our Lives," has been touring the United States making speeches against racial discrimination. He is considered a likely candidate for commander of the new veterans' organization AMVETS, which may be merged with another new veterans' organization, AVC.

The 1949 Canadian potato crop is estimated at 81.5 million bushels, a 12 per cent drop from last year.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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We see by the papers that G.B.S. advocates that all mischievous individuals should be humanely killed. How come then, George, that you have been allowed to reach the ripe old age of ninety-odd?

Oh yes, and the aforesaid gentleman also suggests that all malefactors should be executed. Eh, what? Kill criminals? Oh, p-Shaw!

AH YES, BATHING SUITS!

"Bearskins in Summer" — headline in a Calgary paper. And the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, who has been spending considerable time at the beaches watching the peaches, opines that must be a misprint, if you see what he means.

Dr. James F. Bender of New York City declares that fat men make the best husbands. Indicating, we presume, that their wives don't have a lean time.

He says, also, that school teachers make the best wives. In other words, men can learn all about women from them.

"HOW DRY I AM"

Scotch Whisky Makers Don't Expect Drought — headline in the Calgary Herald. That should be good news to the Alberta Liquor Control Board, which insists that its customers should take water with it.

However, as Knotty Frankie suggests, "The proof of the spirit is in the drinking thereof."

ON A HARVEST NIGHT

The crescent moon spills silver
o'er the field.
The upright stalks foretell abundant
yield,
The star-kissed dew falls from
the tranquil sky
Upon the yellow leaves that
soon will die.

The old log schoolhouse stands
alone and still,
A hoot owl's call is echoed o'er
the hill,
A willful breeze hums low a
lullaby
The nodding grass gives forth a
sleepy sigh.

A binder stands beside the half-
cut grain,
And all around I hear a sweet
refrain,
I see more beauty than I've seen
before—
This harvest night outside my
cottage door.
—Sophie Kravchenko,
Kavanaugh.

News dispatch says that Walter J. Burnett, Detroit, charged in his divorce suit that his wife, Ellen, always drank his stock of beer and liquor before he arrived home from work. To make matters worse, he charged, she filled up the bottles with colored water and replaced them in the refrigerator. I'll bet, declares Chuck of Chuckawalla, that gal was an Alberta tourist and learnt the trick from the Liquor Control Board.

In retaliation for being forced to close on Sundays, the angry bakers of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, have started hauling people to court under an old ordinance which prohibits "the gathering of two or more people on Sunday for the purpose of entertainment." If it don't watch out, Pine Bluff will soon get itself tarred with the same brush as Toronto the good.

DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT

"I think Calgary is the Chicago of Canada," so says Francis James Gavin of St. Paul, Minn., president of the Great Northern Railway, according to the Calgary Herald. Certainly there is much that is undesirable about Calgary, but so far the city has been spared any Al Capones or Col. McCormicks and their like. And, although the Chicago Tribune boasts of being the biggest newspaper in the world, loyal Calgarians will still prefer the sentiments of the Herald and the Albertan, even though they may sometimes disagree with their political views.

A device like a mine detector, states the Daily Mirror of London, Eng., was run over a sick cow and indicated metal present. Two nails, a tack, some jagged tin, a brass washer and a piece of wire were extracted and the cow has recovered. Probably Bossy was only trying to provide its own cans for condensed milk.

EVEN STEPHEN

LETHBRIDGE (CP)—Stephen Kaye, Lethbridge taxi driver, was fined \$5 and costs and lost his driver's license indefinitely after he pleaded guilty in city police court, to his third speeding offence since last May. Well, that's one driver that now knows that breaking traffic laws is not O-Kaye.

He also knows the truth of that old saying, "The third time is never like the rest."

Operation Fails To Faze Doctor — headline in a Calgary paper. Nor the patient, neither, seeing that the surgeon performed said operation on himself.

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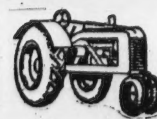
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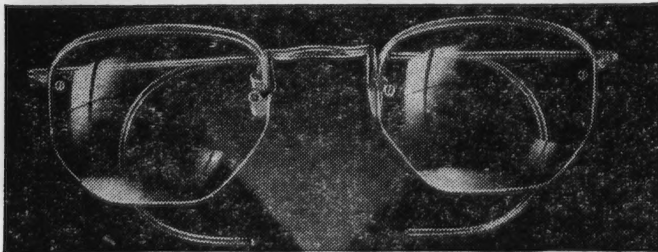
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